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# S. 2510

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 18, 2007

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Cytology Proficiency  
5       Improvement Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVISED STANDARDS FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN**  
2 **SCREENING AND EVALUATION OF**  
3 **GYNECOLOGIC CYTOLOGY PREPARATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 353(f)(4)(B)(iv) of the  
5 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263a(f)(4)(B)(iv))  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 “(iv) requirements that each clinical  
8 laboratory—

9 “(I) ensure that all individuals  
10 involved in screening and interpreting  
11 cytological preparations at the labora-  
12 tory participate annually in a con-  
13 tinuing medical education program in  
14 gynecologic cytology that—

15 “(aa) is approved by the Ac-  
16 crediting Council for Continuing  
17 Medical Education or the Amer-  
18 ican Academy of Continuing  
19 Medical Education; and

20 “(bb) provides each indi-  
21 vidual participating in the pro-  
22 gram with gynecologic cytological  
23 preparations (in the form of ref-  
24 erenced glass slides or equivalent  
25 technologies) designed to improve

1 the locator, recognition, and in-  
2 terpretive skills of the individual;

3 “(II) maintain a record of the cy-  
4 tology continuing medical education  
5 program results for each individual in-  
6 volved in screening and interpreting  
7 cytological preparations at the labora-  
8 tory;

9 “(III) provide that the laboratory  
10 director shall take into account such  
11 results and other performance metrics  
12 in reviewing the performance of indi-  
13 viduals involved in screening and in-  
14 terpreting cytological preparations at  
15 the laboratory and, when necessary,  
16 identify needs for remedial training or  
17 a corrective action plan to improve  
18 skills; and

19 “(IV) submit the continuing edu-  
20 cation program results for each indi-  
21 vidual and, if appropriate, plans for  
22 corrective action or remedial training  
23 in a timely manner to the laboratory’s  
24 accrediting organization for purposes  
25 of review and on-going monitoring by

1 the accrediting organization, including  
2 reviews of the continuing medical edu-  
3 cation program results during on-site  
4 inspections of the laboratory.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION; TER-  
6 MINATION OF CURRENT PROGRAM OF INDIVIDUAL PRO-  
7 FICIENCY TESTING.—

8 (1) EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION.—

9 Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amend-  
10 ment made by subsection (a) applies to gynecologic  
11 cytology services provided on or after the first day  
12 of the calendar year beginning 1 year after the date  
13 of the enactment of this Act, and the Secretary of  
14 Health and Human Services (hereafter in this sub-  
15 section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall issue  
16 final regulations implementing such amendment not  
17 later than 270 days after such date of enactment.

18 (2) TERMINATION OF CURRENT INDIVIDUAL  
19 TESTING PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall terminate  
20 the individual proficiency testing program estab-  
21 lished pursuant to section 353(f)(4)(B)(iv) of the  
22 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
23 263a(f)(4)(B)(iv)), as in effect on the day before the  
24 date of enactment of subsection (a), at the end of

- 1 the calendar year which includes the date of enact-
- 2 ment of the amendment made by subsection (a).

